

Old Orchard students wear uniforms on a daily basis in Kindergarten (K2) through 8th Grade. Jr. Kindergarteners (K1) do not wear uniforms; they should follow the guidelines for free dress. Our gender neutral uniform requirement aims to foster a sense of community and to create a positive learning environment, as well as to help students dress appropriately and comfortably for school each day with minimal fuss.

Merry Mart Uniforms & Old Orchard Uniform Exchange

- **Uniform pieces must come from [Merry Mart](#) in Santa Clara.** If special circumstances apply, check with the school office before purchasing alternative items, and ask before sending students to school out of uniform.
- **Uniform Exchange Dates: June 9 & August 11, 10 am – 2pm.** Stop by the Lower School Campus to shop our selection of gently used uniform items. The exchange will be held outside in the courtyard with standard safety protocols (masks and social distance). Questions? contact office@oldorchardschool.com or (408) 378-5935.

Uniforms Requirements

- Kindergarten (K2) through 8th Grade students are required to wear uniforms on a daily basis.
- Students in GRs 6-8 also have P.E. uniforms.
- Jr. Kindergarten students (K1) are not required to wear uniforms. They should follow the general dress code outlined below.
- All clothing worn to school, uniforms, and free dress should be clean and in good repair.
- The school will contact parents when their child is out of uniform or uniforms are in need of repair. Repeated struggles with following uniform guidelines may result in the loss of free dress privileges.

DAILY AND DRESS UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: ONLY LONG PANTS OR SKIRTS MAY BE WORN ON FULL DRESS UNIFORM DAYS.

	Daily Wear Tops/Bottoms/Footwear	Daily Outerwear	Full Dress Uniforms	
K2, GR1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Red OOS Polos ● OOS Pants, Shorts, Skirt or Dress. ● Closed-toe shoes with socks or tights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OOS cardigan, fleece jacket, windbreaker, or sweatshirt. ● On very cold/wet days heavier coats may be worn <u>over</u> OOS gear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Red Polo, long pants or skirt, OOS Cardigan, plus OOS jacket as needed. ● Socks/Tights in red, dark green, navy, black or white. 	
GRs 2 & 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Green OOS Polos ● OOS Pants, Shorts, or Skirt. ● Closed-toe shoes with socks or tights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OOS cardigan, fleece jacket, windbreaker, or sweatshirt. ● On very cold/wet days heavier coats may be worn <u>over</u> OOS gear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Green Polo, long pants or skirt, OOS Cardigan, plus OOS jacket as needed. ● Socks/Tights in red, dark green, navy, black or white. 	
GRs 4-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choice of any color OOS Polo; all students must have a white Polo for dress uniform days. ● OOS Pants, Shorts, or Skirt. ● Closed-toe shoes with socks or tights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OOS cardigan, fleece jacket, windbreaker, or sweatshirt. ● On very cold/wet days heavier coats may be worn <u>over</u> OOS gear. 	GRs 4 & 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● White Polo, long pants or skirt, OOS Cardigan, plus jacket as needed. ● Socks/Tights in red, dark green, navy, black or white. 	GRs 6-8: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● White Polo, OOS outerwear of choice. ● Socks/Tights in red, dark green, navy, black or white.

Shoes, Accessories & Outerwear

Athletic shoes are required on days students have P.E. Boots, flats, fashion sneakers, etc. are not acceptable substitutes. Students in GRs 4-8 have P.E. daily. If they choose not to wear athletic shoes to school, they must bring them.

- **Shoes:** For safety, closed-toe shoes are required at all school events, on or off campus. For comfort and flexibility during the day, we strongly recommend good quality athletic or similarly supportive shoes. Socks or tights are required. (See below.)
- **Socks/Tights/Leggings/Bike Pants:** Except on full dress uniform days (see below) students are welcome to wear what they like. Socks or tights are always required. (Students who wear skirts generally prefer to wear bike shorts or leggings.)
- **Hats/Beanies/Ballcaps:** May be worn outside exclusively for sun protection or warmth; must be removed when indoors. If this presents a problem of any kind for your family, please speak with the school office.
- **Earrings/Jewelry/Accessories:** For safety, no oversized or dangling earrings, jewelry or other accessories may be worn if pulling or snagging could reasonably lead to injury.

Upper School (GRs 6-8) P.E. Uniforms

In GRs 6-8, students are required to change for P.E. daily, including free dress days.

- For P.E. students wear OOS t-shirts and OOS shorts. On colder days students may also wear OOS sweatpants and an OOS sweatshirt. All items are available at [Merry Mart](#).
- Athletic shoes: Students must wear athletic shoes suitable for running, basketball, and similar sports. Fashion sneakers and other shoes are not acceptable substitutes.

Upper School (GRs 6-8) Casual Fridays

On Fridays, students in GRs 6-8 may mix and match any combination of OOS uniform parts, or other OOS branded gear.

- **Casual Fridays are a privilege.** Students who fail to observe the dress code on other days will lose the privilege.
- *There are no "make-ups" for casual Fridays.* There will be days when students miss a casual Friday because of an event or field trip that requires uniforms.

GENERAL DRESS CODE / FREE DRESS DAYS

Periodically we have special events, field trips, and free dress days when students may wear outfits of their choosing. The following guidelines govern all free dress days, whether on or off campus. ***We ask students to embrace the spirit of the dress code; we prefer to keep it flexible, and not to specify in detail what students may or may not wear.***

- When out of uniform, students should dress in a manner well-suited for a school and learning environment.
- Clothing should always be clean and in good repair.
- Clothing must cover the torso, midriff and backside, and have sleeves or straps. Underwear may not be on display.
- Uniform and free dress skirts and dresses should be no shorter than mid-thigh.
- Shorts may be short, but they should reasonably cover the derriere and underwear, and be in good repair.
- **For safety: Closed toe shoes must be worn, with socks or tights. No oversized or dangling earrings, jewelry or other accessories may be worn if pulling or snagging could reasonably lead to injury.**
- Clothing and accessories that display or promote negative messages are not permitted. These would include, but not be limited to, graphics and words related to: drug, gangs, weapons, alcohol, tobacco, obscenities, put-downs, stereotypes, and sexual innuendo.
- A violation of the dress code will require a change of clothing, and possible loss of future free dress and other privileges.

Dress Code / Free Dress Exceptions

On certain days and events, such as Halloween, dances and themed free dress days, the general dress code may not apply. On these days, the school will send home more specific guidelines or students may check with the school office.

Please note: Students may never bring real or simulated weapons of any kind to school, including costume items; this includes all toy guns and knives. If you need additional direction, please check with the school office.